

September 12, 2023
GODORT Steering Meeting

Zoom Registration Link:

<https://ala-events.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0udu2vpz8iH9Jqv2N6Vff24hOaRAKwQviC>

Attendance Form: <https://forms.gle/eLMjVo1yNFKy78KcA>

Attendees: Benjamin Aldred, Brett Cloyd, Elizabeth Sanders, Joseph Yue, Samantha Hager, Kian Flynn, Aaron Wilson, Kate Tallman, Rick Mikulski, Ben Chiewphasa, Lisa Pritchard, Andie Craley, Denise Jones, Angela Bonnell, Kristine Stilwell, Kelly Marie Wilson, Elizabeth McDonald, Sarah Erekson, Alison Downey (others?)

Minutes from Previous Meeting:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vHb6rAsjtKWX8c4NpOBedHkl2k7LdZzgOlcco5Tc_fg/edit?usp=sharing (starting date for Treasurer changed to September 1 - bc/Secretary).

AGENDA:

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes (no motion required). Minutes were approved.

Committee Reports

Awards. Alison D. reported Missed being a formal sponsor of Emerging Leaders, but GODORT can have general selection committee identify someone who is interested in government information (GODORT will not be the jury/decider on that). Moving nomination to a Google form rather than sending documents via email, to help remove barriers.

Cataloging. No report.

Conference. Committee meets this Friday. No report.

Development. Joseph reported on initial meeting, plan to reach out to Steering at future meetings to help review development activities.

Education - Aaron reported next meeting will be held on September 14 at 1 pm (ET) to discuss and set priorities for the new year. We are currently preparing for the Classification Webinar this month (*see Help! Committee Report*).

Government Info for Children - Lauren reported. Promoting the Constitution Day Poster Contest for K-12 students. Looking into creating a collaborative National History Day guide.

Help! Kate reported.

September 27 1pm (EST)- Secrecy 101: Classification and Executive Order 13526 (John Powers - former National Security Council director for Access and Information Management)

October 18 3pm (EST)- Reporting on the World of Government Information – a panel presentation from the editors of “Government Information Landscape and Libraries” (Jim Church, Kay Cassell, Kate Tallman)

Open schedule - speakers and incoming chair needed. Please send Kate recommendations or ideas. Also looking for an incoming chair for Help!

Legislation. Lisa noted committee will meet soon. Brief discussion about a letter from GODORT to GPO about preservation projects and hopes to have more to report next time.

Membership. Kristine noted they have not been able to recruit another committee member.

Nominating. Sarah reported committee has not yet met. They will put out calls for DLC positions and GODORT elected positions. November 30-December 1st.

Program. Andie reported on the [Working Draft of Program Proposals](#). The draft includes proposals for the ALA Annual 2024 program. Ben pointed out past success partnering with other groups in ALA on proposals. GODORT can submit more than one proposal. Andie and Ben can look at the PPM for guidance. If a proposal is not accepted, GODORT can offer it as a GODORT Chair’s Program. The committee will review the proposals and process shortly to decide on next steps. (September 18 deadline)

Publications - Rick reported next meeting is Sept 25 at 2pm (eastern). Priorities for the year will be: continuing the relaunch of the occasional papers series; begin looking for a new DttP editor what Jennifer Castle’s term ends this academic year; update list of judges for Notable Documents Panel & find ways to continue historic partnership with Library Journal. We will also look into added DttP to the DOAJ this year.

Rare & Endangered - Angela B. reported. First meeting is October 11th. Second Wednesday of each month, at noon.

Social Media & Outreach - Ben reported. Friendly reminder to email godortsocialmedia@gmail.com with any social media post ideas/content. This also includes anything you want to showcase that’s happening at your respective workplaces (for example: anything interesting you’re doing/creating for Constitution Day).

Technology. Samantha reported. Please review your committee pages on the [website](#). Send any corrections, additions to godorttechnology@gmail.com.

Meeting Minutes can be dropped in our [Google drive](#) or emailed to godorttechnology@gmail.com when ready for posting.

The committee is continuing its work on developing best practices for GODORT LibGuides. Next meeting: September 19th, 10am Central.

Old Business - none.

New Business

Social Media Committee Adding a GODORT Instagram Account(Ben Chiewphasa). GODORT considered this in 2019 but would like to reconsider this option given changes in the social media space. It will be one more thing to manage (but under Meta umbrella with Facebook). Issue of personal account to manage business account - which is done with GODORT Facebook account? Are members asking for this? Similar to GPO Instagram? Some academic libraries doing a good job with their accounts? Might attract a new demographic to GODORT's Instagram account. Video/visual/pictures have been important parts to GODORT's social media - which builds on Instagram's strengths.

Motion: Adding a GODORT Instagram Account. Elizabeth Sanders moved, Elizabeth McDonald seconded. Attendees voted to approve the motion.

Adjusting GODORT Committee Sizes and Composition (Ben Aldred). There are 97 total positions that need to be filled within GODORT (committee members, elected officers, appointments). GODORT has 400 members. In 2018, there were about 70 positions. Committees range in size from 3 members to 9 members. It's been difficult to fill all of the seats. Changes to structure of committees do not require a full membership vote, but through PPM, Steering Committee can vote. Ben recommends a review of current structure of committees - reduce committee size, explore where there are committees who do overlapping work. Interested in a task force or working group to explore these issues. Estimated this was last done @ 2016/17? Consider documentation from last time this effort was taken. Consider on-going review processes? Consider needs of committee members - i.e. requirements for librarian positions to be active in a national committee.

Potential Motion: A motion from Kristine for Steering Committee to create a Task Force/Working Group to streamline GODORT's committees and make the task force open to GODORT membership in general. Aaron seconded the motion. Steering voted unanimously for the motion.

Ben invited Steering Committee members to introduce themselves, which they did for about 10 minutes.

Adjournment. Samantha moved to adjourn. Elizabeth M. seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 pm.